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SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE SITREP AS OF 1900Z

1. PERSONNEL: ALL 44 USG AMERICANS AND 4 DEPENDENTS ARE REPORTED SECURE AT THIS TIME. MORALE IS GOOD, ANTICIPATION OF DEPARTURE IS WAXING. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS AS OF THIS TIME. TIME EXIT PERMITS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL DOD CIVILIANS (EXCEPT BLAND IN MASSAWA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOTH 1953 AGREEMENT AND CONCURRENCE OF CHAIRMAN OF EPMG CLOSEOUT COMMITTEE. OIC WILL KEEP KAGNEW PERSONNEL OCCUPIED APRIL 26 WITH PACKING AND ASSEMBLY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS. TWO CISCO EMPLOYEES REMAIN IN MASSAWA, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY EPMG COMMITTEE THEY WILL RETURN TO ASMARA APRIL 26.

2. PRIVATE AMCITS: ALL PRIVATE AMCITS INCLUDING ITALIAN MOTHER

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OF THREE AMCIT MINORS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON CONGEN CLOSURE AND ADVISED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO LEAVE ASMARA AS SOON AS THEY CAN CLOSE OUT THEIR COMMITMENTS. WE EXPECT SEVEN OF THE 13 TO LEAVE ASMARA WITHIN TWO MONTHS. CONGEN WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY ADDIS BREAKDOWN ON THOSE WHO WILL PROBABLY STAY AND THOSE WHO WILL LEAVE, AS WELL AS ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN ASMARA.

3. LOCAL EMPLOYEES: ALL OF KAGNEW'S LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAVE COME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE EPMG AS OF A.M. APRIL 25. PA&E IS WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH EPMG LABOR DEPT. OFFICIALS TO CALCULATE SEVERANCE AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS FOR KAGNEW'S 100 EMPLOYEES. TO DATE THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE PAYROLL FOR APRIL. FINAL CALCULATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE BY COB APRIL 26. FINAL FIGURES WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO ATHENS FOR RESOLUTION OF ALL CLAIMS. CONGEN IS COMPLETING SEVERANCE ENTITLEMENTS FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES AND SHOULD COMPLETE PAYMENT APRIL 26. FSL EMPLOYEES, WHO HAVE WORKED WITH US THESE LAST TWO DAYS WITH EXEMPLARY ENERGY AND LOYALTY, WILL BE INFORMED OF THEIR ENTITLEMENTS AND FINAL SETTLEMENT COMPLETED FROM EMBASSY ADDIS. PER JOHNSON/DOME TELCON, IT IS AGREED THAT FSL JOHANNES HAILU WILL TRAVEL TO ADDIS WEEK OF MAY 1 TO ASSIST IN TERMINATION OF FSLE'S AND ALL OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS.

4. USG PROPERTY: OIC NAVCOMMUNIT DOES NOT PLAN ATTEMPT SALVAGE ANY USG PROPERTY AT THIS TIME. THROUGHOUT THE CLOSEOUT PROCESS, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT THE EPMG HAD BEEN PREPARED TO POUNCE ON KAGNEW, ESPECIALLY TRACT BRAVO, TO GAIN CONTROL OF ASSUMED COMMO CAPABILITY. LIKewise DURING TOUR OF TRACT ECHO, CHAIRMAN OF EPMG CLOSEOUT COMMITTEE AND HIS COLLEAGUES SEEMED EXCEPTIONALLY PLEASED WITH THE EXTENT OF THE EQUIPMENT THEY WILL INHERIT. ALL THIS INDICATED THAT EPMG DOES NOT INTEND TO PERMIT ANY USG PROPERTY AT KAGNEW TO BE EXPROPRIATED. THE CONGEN IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PACK AND SHIP OUT VIA MAC FLIGHT SERVICEABLE TYPEWRITERS, DUPLICATING MACHINES, CONSULAR EQUIPMENT (I.E. RECEIPTS MACHINE, LEGEND AND VISA MACHINES, AND ALL POSSIBLE RADIO AND UNCLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT. TIME FACTOR WILL BE CRITICAL IN THIS OPERATION.

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FILES ON CONSULAR, FINANCIAL, PERSONNEL AND CLAIMS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR POUCHING.

5. DESTRUCTION: DESTRUCTION OF KAGNEW CRYPTO AND CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN COVERED EXTENSIVELY IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES. THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER WARRANTING DESTRUCTION AT KAGNEW. CONGEN HAS DESTROYED ALL CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AS OF LATE APRIL 24 AND HAS BEEN WORKING THROUGH THE DAY TO DESTROY CLASSIFIED COMMO EQUIPMENT (OF CONGEN CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT, ONLY TWO KW-7'S REMAIN PLUS KEYING MATERIAL TO LAST THE DURATION). MSGS ARE RENDERING INOPERABLE THE FIVE M-2 CARBINES THIS EVENING, AND WILL DESTROY REMAINING SMALL ARMS EARLY MORNING OF APRIL 27. WEAPONS PARTS AND AMMO WILL BE DUMPED IN UNUSED WELL WHICH HAS BEEN DISCREETLY PREPARED FOR THIS PURPOSE. CONSULAR SEALS AND LEGENDS WILL BE DESTROYED COB APRIL 26 AS THERE ARE STILL RANDOM CONSULAR SERVICES REQUIRED.

6. TRANSPORTATION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH JCS EXECUTE ORDER, WE ARE EXPECTING A MAC C-141 TO ARRIVE ASMARA SOME TIME AFTER 0600

LOCAL AND TO DEPART PRIOR TO 1700 LOCAL. THIS AIRCRAFT WILL TRANSPORT 49 USG PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS, 20,000 LBS OF THEIR EFFECTS AND POSSIBLY 5000 LBS OF CONGEN EQUIPMENT TO ATHENS. UPON RECEIPT OF TYPE AND MAGNITUDE OF FUEL REQUIRED, CONGEN WILL ATTEMPT THROUGH EPMG CLOSEOUT COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR REFUELING. SUGGEST MAC REVIEW ALTERNATE FUELING ARRANGEMENTS AS FUEL IS STRICTLY LIMITED IN ASMARA FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS.

7. COMMUNICATIONS: I PROPOSE TO ORDER DESTRUCTION OF LAST SECURE COMMUNICATIONS TWO HOURS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF MAC FLIGHT. AT THAT POINT WE WILL SWITCH TO HF E&E NETWORK (11.370 MHZ) WHICH WILL BE RENDERED INOPERATIVE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM CONGEN COMPOUND FOR AIRPORT. LATTER UNIT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE SACRIFICED AT THE EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING SOME FORM OF COMMUNICATION IN WHAT I CONSIDER A POTENTIALLY VOLATILE SITUATION.

8. SECURITY: THE GENERAL MILITARY SITUATION IN ASMARA AREA RE-
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MAINS UNEXCEPTIONAL. BETWEEN 2130 AND 2230 LAST NIGHT APRIL 24, THERE WAS INTERMITTENT OUTGOING ARTILLERY FIRE TO THE WEST OF THE CITY. THIS WAS IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO A MINOR AND ABORTIVE INSURGENT ROCKET ATTACK AT FORMER KAGNEW TRACTS FOXTROT AND CHARLIE, 3 AND 5 KM SW OF ASMARA. THERE ARE NO REPORTS ON IMMINENT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE ASMARA AREA. AS OF THIS TIME THERE HAS BEEN NO FIRING AUDIBLE AT THE CONGEN.

9. CLAIMS: AS THE WORD SPREADS ABOUT THE IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF BOTH KAGNEW AND THE CONGEN, THERE IS A RAPIDLY INCREASING NUMBER OF CLAIMS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE LEGITIMATE CLAIMS AND DISMISSING INVALID CLAIMS. WE EXPECT THIS PROCESS TO REACH A CRESCENDO JUST PRIOR TO OUR FINAL DEPARTURE. TO DATE NONE OF THE CLAIMANTS HAVE SERIOUSLY OBSTRUCTED OUR OPERATIONS OR THREATENED ANY ACTION THAT WOULD HAMPER OUR DEPARTURE.

10. IF ANY ADDEES HAVE SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT WE HAVE HAVE OVERLOOKED, I AM RECEPTIVE TO ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

11. MESSAGE COORDINATED IN OUTLINE WITH OIC NAVCOMMUNIT.
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